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SUBJ: CYPRUS IN SC: SYG STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REPORT ON CYPRUS SITUATION READ

BY SYG TO SC JULY 23:

2. "MR. PRESIDENT,

REPORTS WHICH I HAVE RECEIVED FROM MY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE
IN CYPRUS AND THE FORCE COMMANDER GIVE RISE TO GRAVE ANXIETY
ABOUT THE OBSERVANCE OF THE CEASE-FIRE. THE CEASE-
FIRE HELD FAIRLY WELL DURING THE NIGHT OF 22-23 JULY,
BUT AFTER DAYLIGHT ON 23 JULY VIOLATIONS OCCURRED AROUND THE
EDGE OF THE TURKISH ENCLAVE. LATER IN THE MORNING FIGHTING
DEVELOPED IN THE VICINITY OF THE AIRPORT, UNTIL 1230
HOURS WHEN UNFICYP ARRANGED A CEASE-FIRE. THE AIRPORT WAS
DECLARED A UNITED NATIONS CONTROLLED AREA AND OCCUPIED
BY UNFICYP TROOPS AFTER THE NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS HAD
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AGREED WITH WITHDRAW.

FIGHTING ALSO DEVELOPED ALONG THE GREEN LINE, WHICH SEPARATES THE GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURKISH CYPRIOT SECTORS OF NICOSIA, PARTICULARLY IN THE WEST OF THE OLD CITY NEAR THE GOLF COURSE. THERE WERE FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE IN THE KYRENIA DISTRICT WHERE TURKISH TROOPS CAPTURED THE VILLAGE OF DIKHOMO DURING THE NIGHT, AND ATTACKED THE VILLAGE OF SYKHARI. IN THE LARNACA DISTRICT THE NATIONAL GUARD ATTACKED AND CAPTURED KOPHINO. THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND, UNFICYP HAS TRIED TO RE-ESTABLISH OBSERVATION POSTS AND TO PATROL ANY LINES OF CONFRONTATION WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IT IS ALSO, TO THE MAXIMUM OF ITS CAPABILITY, INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS AND RENDERING ASSISTANCE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE FIGHTING, BOTH CYPRIOT AND FOREIGN NATIONALS. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN IN THE REGULAR REPORTS ON THE SITUATION.

IN VIEW OF THE EVIDENT INSTABILITY OF THE CEASE-FIRE AND THE POSSIBILITIES OF FURTHER SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE TOMORROW, 24 JULY, I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT DURING THE DAY WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS AND REPRESENTATIVES. I HAVE SPOKEN OVER THE PHONE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY, MR. ECEVIT, AND WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ATHENS, EXPRESSING MY CONCERN AT THE SITUATION. I HAVE ALSO HAD A NUMBER OF CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. THIS EVENING I MADE A GENERAL STATEMENT EXPRESSING MY ANXIETY AT THE STATE OF OBSERVANCE OF THE CEASE-FIRE. I ALSO ADDRESSED MEASURES TO THE PRIME MINISTERS OF GREECE AND TURKEY AND TO THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, THE TEXT OF WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS:

"I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS SINCE THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE CEASE-FIRE WITH THE GREATEST ANXIETY. I FULLY REALISE THAT THE FIRST DAYS OF A CEASE-FIRE AFTER A BITTER CONTEST ARE ALWAYS DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED AT INFORMATION REACHING ME FROM MY REPRESENTATIVES IN CYPRUS THAT SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE ARE STILL TAKING PLACE. I THEREFORE ASK YOU MOST URGENTLY TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR MILITARY FORCES THAT NO FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE SHOULD TAKE

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PLACE AND THAT, WHERE TERRITORY HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER AFTER THE TIME OF THE CEASE-FIRE, THAT IS 1600 HOURS CYPRUS TIME ON 22 JULY, TROOPS SHOULD RETURN TO THE POSITIONS WHICH THEY OCCUPIED WHEN THE CEASE-FIRE CAME INTO EFFECT. I FEEL THAT THE POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS OF FURTHER VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE ARE SUFFICIENTLY GRAVE TO WARRANT MY MAKING THIS APPEAL TO YOU AS PRIME MINISTER, AND I MUST ASK YOU TO TAKE THE MOST IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR THE COMPLETE

OBSERVATION OF THE CEASE-FIRE IN CYPRUS."

IN CYPRUS, IN ADDITION TO THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE, MY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE FORCE COMMANDER HAVE MET WITH ACTING PRESIDENT CLERIDES AND WERE PRESENT DURING A MOST USEFUL MEETING BETWEEN MR. CLERIDES AND MR. DENKTASH.

I HAVE INSTRUCTED UNFICYP TO MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO STABILISE THE CEASE-FIRE AND ASSURE ITS OBSERVANCE IN FULL CO-OPERATION WITH THE PARTIES. IN THIS CONNEXION, I MAY INFORM THE COUNCIL THAT, AT MY REQUEST, THE PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY HAS APPOINTED A SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN THE TURKISH FORCES AND UNFICYP. I HAVE ALSO INSTRUCTED UNFICYP TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO PREVENT INTERCOMMUNAL STRIFE AND TO INTERVENE WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO PROTECT MEMBERS OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION WHO ARE IN DANGER FROM SUCH STRIFE.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, 22 JULY; I MET WITH THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS PROVIDING CONTINGENTS FOR UNFICYP AND MADE AN URGENT REQUEST TO THEM FOR REINFORCEMENTS FOR THEIR CONTINGENTS IN CYPRUS. AS A RESULT OF THAT APPEAL, DENMARK, FINLAND, SWEDEN AND THE UNITED KINGDOM HAVE ALREADY UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE REINFORCEMENTS TO A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 1,400 MEN. OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE GIVING FAVOURABLE AND URGENT CONSIDERATION TO MY APPEAL. I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT, AS REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE AND AS THE OBSERVANCE OF THE CEASE-FIRE ALLOWS FOR MORE EXTENSIVE OBSERVATION AND PATROL ACTIVITY BY UNFICYP, THE FORCE WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT ITS GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES WITH EVER-INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS."

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